

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly  
I am Aquilina Serrano, I live in New Haven, CT.

I am in favor of S.B. 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD FOR AN INCOME ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN HEALTH CARE REGARDLESS OF MIGRATION STATUS. Expanding access to HUSKY to age 18, regardless of immigration status, is an important step in ensuring that our immigrant community has access to the health care we need. But our work doesn't stop with expanding access to age 18; we need to open access to HUSKY and health care to all immigrants of any age, including parents and adults.

I agree with extending Husky insurance to children and because it is true, our families when we don't have access to Husky, we no longer have the health care our families need. My grandson has not been denied service, but we have been sent very expensive bills that have been difficult for us to pay. For now, we just have 1 and the thought of having even more expensive bills makes it so sometimes we don't want to take my grandson to his dental checkup due to our financial situation. So it is quite difficult to take care of all of our medical needs without having insurance.

I support S.B. 284 and ask the committee to support and pass this legislation. Going forward, I ask the committee to work to open access to all immigrants, regardless of age.

Thank you for your time,  
Aquilina Serrano